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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 December 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 6-15 and 25-33 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 16-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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1. Claims 1-33 are presenting for examination.
2. Claims 6-15 & 25-33 are allowed over the prior art of record.
 - 2.1. None of the prior art of record taken singularly or in combination teaches or suggest a establishing and/or associating a first connection (session) with a server by the Internet to provide a user application with access to information stored in a first smart card, and establishing and/or associating a second connection (session) with the server to provide the user application with access to a device on telecommunications network that contains a second smart card (claims 6 & 25).
3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-5 & 16-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Sahihara (US Pat. No. 6,434,405).
5. As to claim 1, Sahihara shows in Figs 7-8, a smart card (4) for providing a user access to a smart card based Internet application 61 (Fig 8) in the absence of a conventional reader for a smart card (the card 4 is directly connected to the portable phone device 3 without the use of a conventional reader for the card 4), the smart card 4 having a memory 45 (Fig 7) with information stored therein that comprises:

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- information that is dedicated to the functionality of a device (portable phone 3) with which the smart card 4 is adapted to be used (the card 4 is attached to the portable phone device 3 for obtaining a web document from the HTTP server 6), see col 2, lines 29-32, lines 37-40, col 7, lines 58-62;
- additional information that enables the portable phone device 3 to establish an Internet session (through the dial up server 2) with the Internet application 61 and that functions as an interface to the application 61, see col 8, lines 7-15 (notice the setting information stored in the memory 45 that includes the URL designated by the user for the web document resides on the server 6, see col 2, lines 29-32, col 7, lines 58-62, col 8, lines 3-5).

6. As to claim 2, the additional information includes an applet (represented by the URL of the web document) that is a client component of the application 61 (a request includes the URL asking for service to obtain the web document having the URL), see col 8, lines 9-11.

7. As to claim 3, the device 3 is a portable phone, see Fig 8.

8. As to claim 4, the smart card is a SIM (the smart card 4 is used with the portable phone 3), see col 2, lines 25-26, lines 50-54, col 7, lines 58-62.

9. As to claim 5, the additional information includes application for transmitting information to the application 61 through the dial up server 2 for use in establishing the session, see col 8, lines 7-15.

10. As to claims 20-24, the claims are similar in scope to claims 1-5, and they are rejected under the same rationale.

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11. As to claims 16-19, the claims are similar in scope to claims 1-5. In addition, the gateway is represented by the Dial-UP server 2 (see Fig 8) and it would establish a virtual link between the device 3 and the application 61 and translates the messages exchanged between the device 3 and the application 61, see col 8, lines 7-15.

Therefore, it can be seen from above that Sahihara anticipates claims 1-5 & 16-24.

12. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Moustafa M Meky whose telephone number is 571-272-4005. The examiner can normally be reached on flex.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on 571-272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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